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Guidance

Timeline for local-authority-maintained schools: mandatory

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January 2016: pupils

You should contact your local authority to find out the deadline for

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submitting your school census data to them. We use data from the school census to determine how much funding you will receive. [Guidance on submitting your school census return](#) is available.

NEW

21 January 2016: curriculum and qualifications

We will publish key stage 5 school and college performance tables for institutions with students aged 16 to 18, including 2015 exams data. Previous data is available at [the school and college performance tables website](#).

NEW

January 2016: governance

From 1 January 2016, the government will no longer require schools to adopt home-school agreements (HSAs) and associated parental declarations. Schools can decide how to maintain these relationships (including through voluntary HSAs). The government repealed this requirement as part of the Deregulation Act 2015. As a result, we will update our [behaviour and discipline advice for schools](#).

NEW

January 2016: governance

You must not destroy any records (paper or digital) that may be relevant to the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#) (The Goddard Inquiry). Justice Goddard's statement on 27 November 2015 setting out which institutions would be investigated in phase 1 is available on the inquiry website.

NEW

January 2016: staffing

Schools must update their pay and appraisal policies to comply with the arrangements in the [School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document \(STPCD\) 2015](#). The policies must explain how schools will use performance-related progression when making pay decisions from September 2016. This follows the government's removal of discretionary reference points between the bottom and top of the pay ranges from the [School teachers' pay and conditions advice](#). Schools should also explain how pay decisions for those at the top of a pay band will take account of performance following any future increases to the pay range.

Summer term 2016

NEW

Summer 2016: curriculum and qualifications

We will introduce key stage 1 tests based on the new national curriculum in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths. [Sample tests](#) are available.

NEW

Summer 2016: curriculum and qualifications

We will introduce key stage 2 tests based on the new national curriculum in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling, maths and science. [Sample tests](#) in English, maths and science are available.

NEW

Summer 2016: curriculum and qualifications

Schools must report a teacher assessment for pupils at the end of key stages 1 and 2 in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science. To do this they must use the [interim frameworks for teacher assessment](#) for pupils who have completed the relevant programme of study or the interim pre-key stage standards for pupils - [key stage 1](#) and [key stage 2](#) - who have not completed the programme of study.

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